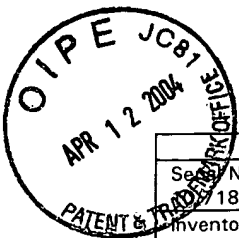


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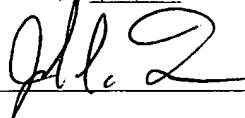
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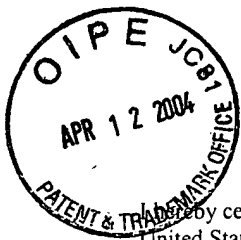
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In compliance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

I. DISCLOSURE

A. U.S. Patents and Patent Application Publications

Patent/Publication No.	Issue/Publication Date	Inventor
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B. Pending U.S. Patent Applications

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II. CONCLUSION

It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the invention claimed. Furthermore, Applicants wish to make it clear that the disclosure of the above references is in no way an admission that they qualify as prior art. It is Applicants' desire, however, to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. Applicants therefore request that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the above-listed references of record. Applicants also request that the Examiner review the above-identified application and the references cited therein.

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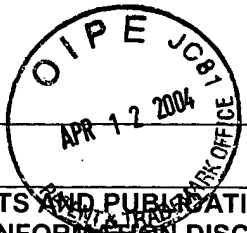
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